

A BOMB IN THE CAMP.**THE FEINS WAXED WARM WITH INDIGNATION FRIDAY NIGHT.**

Letter Accompanied by a Denuculatory Clipping from the G. A. R. People—

A Heated Discussion.

A small-sized bomb-shell dropped into Lee Camp Friday night. At least indignation ran high at the meeting, and some very plain words were used among the members of the organization in reference to their G. A. R. cousins, who strive to keep fresh in the minds of the younger generation the memory of the Union soldiers, and occasionally take advantage of an opportunity to stir up a little original hard feeling on the part of the Confederate "Vets" so as to run their physical temperature up to the highest limit.

The meeting was one of the most spirited for months, and indeed, for years past. A well-known gentelman, who is past his prime, known, said yesterday morning in reference to the discussion on an unlooked-for matter that came up for consideration, that it was a cold smell sulphur burning for a square away; several more than some choice epithets in connection with the G. A. R. Post in Chicago that kindled the flame others premonished as emphatically as they spoke, and there wasn't a shadow of doubt that something unusual had occurred.

SILENCE OF THE ANIMALS.

The cause of all this was a letter addressed to the editor of a G. A. R. Post in Chicago. The communication purported to be for its object, among other things, some information as to whether the Camp endorsed the utterances of Rev. R. C. Cave in his address at the unveiling of the Private Soldiers' Monument at Monmouth Park, May 26th, last.

The whole tone of the communication, it was told, was insolent, and even somewhat menacing, though words with great skill.

It was accompanied by a clipping from a Northern paper containing a denunciation of the remarks made by Rev. Mr. Cave and General Rosser on the date mentioned.

When the communication was read it lit a match which set the Camp in a few minutes in attendance, and in a few minutes a somewhat lively discussion arose as to what disposition should be made of the letter. Soon the discussion got up to a warmth in accordance with the rules of the organization.

One of the members of the statements made by the members to the effect that Lee Camp was not alone in this matter, but that a number of prominent business men in the city had received similar communications of late. Among these was Col. A. W. Archer, who had replied in a straightforward way of his own. The gentleman stated that he had replied to all three of these letters that he endorsed all Mr. Cave had said.

A SCHEM BEHIND IT.

It developed that among the number of similar communications that had been received, there was some reason for less threatening in their character, and then the discussion was resumed with decided ardor. Some of the members were in favor of making an immediate reply to the G. A. R. people of the effect that Lee Camp was right. The address was endorsed by Lee Camp. Some wanted to send an out-and-out reply in plain words.

Then a level-headed man who seemed to have a cool head nail on the door, got up to speak. This was Colonel John Murphy. He argued that there was some political scheme at the bottom of the communication, that the G. A. R. Post was seeking political ammunition to be used in an attack against the South, or some part of the South, and that nothing would please them better than to have in their possession letters from Lee Camp and other similar organizations in the South, containing indecent or impudent action on the part of those receiving the letters.

He thought it would be the wiser plan to defer action on the matter until all the considerations had been properly weighed. Certainly the Camp was not at that time prepared to reply to the communication, for it was more than likely that they might do something which would subsequently have reacted to them.

Some argued that perhaps the letter was gotten up to have some effect upon the immigrants of northern origin to the Southern States, and the movement of northern and western capital in southern enterprises. Certainly there was some underhand motive in the action of the Post, and it would not be wise for the Camp to become involved in what might result in a long controversy with the Post.

THE SUBJECT TABLED.

The discussion continued for some time, but it was finally decided, upon motion, to lay the subject on the table, and the discussion was adjourned.

A well-known citizen said yesterday that those receiving such letters should be warned to act discreetly in the matter, as it was more than likely that their replies would be used against them in some other manner.

It was suggested that the motive of these communications was to bring out replies that might be used in arguments against the next encampment of the G. A. R. in Richmond.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Cities and Other Matters.

Mr. William R. Lee, who has been sick for some time, is rapidly sinking.

The closing exercises of Monte Maria Academy will take place next Tuesday.

Miss Maud Tyler, of Louisa county, is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

Miss May Greener will spend the summer at Baldair Park, on the coast of Maine.

Miss Kate Murphy, of this city, who has been visiting friends in the country, has returned home.

Miss Mary Geiblum, of Baltimore, is the guest of her cousin, Mr. S. Stern, on east Main street.

The First Baptist church Sunday school will go on its annual picnic Tuesday, 5th, to Providence Forge.

Mrs. C. W. Plunkett, 40 north Twelfth street, has returned home, after a very pleasant visit to friends in North Carolina.

Miss Linda Wright, of Nansemond county, Va., is visiting the family of Mr. W. M. Kersse, 535 north Tenth street.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Home Tuesday, 29th P. M., at the Young Men's Christian Association.

A meeting of the party of Richmonders who attended the Grand Lodge meeting at Atlantic City returned home yesterday morning.

Mr. George W. Manning, Jr., formerly of Richmond, but of late years of Washington, D. C., in the city, works on the electric work at the U. S. Jefferson.

The Board of Directors of the Methodist Sunday-School Society will meet at Broad-Street church this afternoon for the purpose of electing a president.

Mrs. M. M. Hawthorne and baby, of No. 16 north Lombardy street, left last Friday for Alden, N. Y., where she will spend the summer with her husband.

The Retreat for the Slaves will give its annual picnic at Audubon Park Wednesday, June 26th, at 1 P. M. A committee of ladies from the board of managers will act as chaperones.

Among the passengers on the Germanic, which sailed on Wednesday last for Europe, appear the names of Mrs. J. Arthur Lefroy and Miss Helena Lefroy, of this city.

Mrs. Dr. George Ross sent out to the penitentiary yesterday a box of palm leaf fans, which have been distributed among the prisoners, and no doubt will be enjoyed during this hot spell.

Mrs. H. L. Taylor, R. D. Wortham, and Douglas Edwards left yesterday for Quantico, where they will remain for about two weeks. This is the ninth annual outing of the Camping Club.

The half-dozen beautiful silver collection plates used for the first time last Sunday at the dedication services at

Union-Station church, were presented by Mr. and Mrs. John G. McDowell, of Venable street.

Friendship Lodge, I. O. O. F., will meet on Tuesday evening, June 26th, at the Old Town Hall on Franklin street. There will be there paid an official visit from the district deputies. Many visitors are expected.

At a meeting yesterday of the committee appointed to recommend an organization for the Woman's Monument Association, names were selected and the same will be reported to the association for election.

Nesters, Harrison & Company will sell at public auction on Tuesday evening, the handsome brown-stone front residence, No. 929 west Grace street. This is a foreclose seizure, and it is probable that a bargain can be had.

Temple Lodge, No. 3 A. F. and A. M., will celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist, which occurs on June 24th (Sunday), on the evening of June 25th (Monday), at the Masonic Temple. There will be addresses and refreshments.

Mr. John C. Seibert has returned from Petersburg, where he has been working on a book entitled "Judah the Slave," which will close with 20 P. M. on Saturday.

Major Joseph Walker of Chesterfield has extended a cordial invitation to the members of Phil Kearney Post, G. A. R., and their friends to make use of his grounds, known as Walker's Glen, and it has been decided to hold an all-day basket picnic there on July 4th.

While the daily spending the sum, now away from the city, it is a sum not far off for housekeepers to have their mattresses renovated. Send your orders to J. T. Cashion, the blind mattress maker and cane worker, 755 east Broad street. First-class work, reasonable rates.

The Immigration Committee of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League will meet Saturday evening at 8 P. M. at the Masonic Temple.

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DEATH OF JAMES WOODHOUSE.

An Old Book Merchant Passes Away Suddenly.

Mr. James Woodhouse died suddenly yesterday about 2 o'clock at the residence of his old friend and partner in business, Mr. B. M. Parham, No. 63 north Eighth street.

The Coroner was summoned, but it was evident that he died from natural causes.

Mr. Woodhouse had long been a citizen of Richmond, and was eighty years of age. He was for many years a book dealer, and retired from active business in 1886.

He was a member of the firm of Nash & Woodhouse, established in this city in 1851, and was succeeded by Woodhouse & Parham in 1865.

He was a man of the most benign and gentle character and a true Christian gentleman. He was noted for his benevolent impulses, and was much beloved by those who knew him best. He had been connected with the church since his boyhood, and was known at that time beside his father, Mr. Woodhouse, who was eighty years of age. He was for many years a book dealer, and retired from active business in 1886.

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